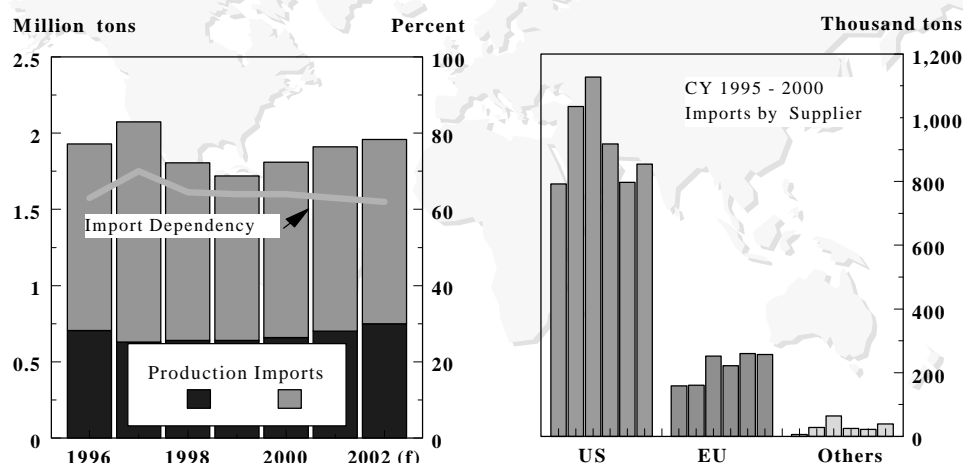


Russia's Poultry Situation

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001 (p)	2002 (f)
Production	705	630	640	640	660	700	750
Imports	1225	1444	1165	1080	1151	1300	1325
Consumption	1822	2059	1794	1714	1806	1993	2067
Exports	18	15	11	6	5	7	8

(All data in thousand metric tons)

Russian Dependence on Imports Flat as Domestic Production Keeps Pace with Imports



Russia has reclaimed its status as the largest foreign market for U.S. poultry (mainly chicken leg quarters) as Russian suppliers look to the United States to fill the need for inexpensive meat protein. In 2002, total poultry imports are forecast to remain at the 2001 level of 1.3 million tons. Russian bans on red meat imports from the EU and some other supplying countries early in 2001 have stimulated poultry consumption. In response to stronger domestic demand, producers are expected to increase production by 7 percent in 2002. However, this is anticipated to fall far short of total demand. The domestic industry is expanding quickly, but significant investment is needed to upgrade production facilities, feeding, processing, and breeding systems.